



Letter of Intent on Deepening Cooperation

between

the City of Dortmund, Germany

and

the City of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

By signing this Letter of Intent (LoI), both parties will work together to best leverage the strength and resources of both sides to identify and initiate international projects related to the following areas:

Technology, digitization and startups:

- Exchanges between different economic actors from the technological and startup sector from Dortmund and Cluj-Napoca shall strengthen the cities' innovative potentials.
- A common understanding of how to transform services of general interest and orientation towards public welfare into the digital future shall be achieved through dialogue between the cities of Dortmund and Cluj-Napoca. Companies and employees of both cities shall be brought together.
- Both cities are willing to make efforts to apply for joint projects and grants at European level in the field of Smart and Sustainable Cities involving the local partner eco-system.

Public Services:

- Public suppliers from Energy Water services from both Dortmund and Cluj-Napoca are planning to cooperate with the specialized clusters and companies for common solutions in the area of smart city solutions

General Principles

Both parties will comply with the existing laws, regulations and compliances of their own countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefits. Both parties will try their best to provide the favorable conditions for the fruitful exchange and cooperation in the coming years.

Objective

Based on an in-depth exchange of views, both parties are committed to start and strengthen the cooperation in a comprehensive manner, and to actively encourage their professionals and partners to share their experience and develop new cooperation projects.

Evaluation

Both parties will jointly review the implementation status of the cooperation annually.

Duration

1. The Cooperation Agreement shall be signed for an unlimited period of time and shall enter into force on the date of signature. It may be terminated by either party, provided that a written notice is given.
2. Within the validity of this letter, either party may add provisions for its improvement when agreed upon by both parties in written form.

No legal or financial obligations

1. Each party will bear its own costs resulting from its participation in this letter, and will fund the activities referred in this letter with the resources subject to their respective budgets and their legislation, unless the use of alternative financial mechanisms for specific purposes is otherwise agreed upon by both parties.
2. This letter is not a legally binding agreement, but an expression and record of both parties' strong will of promoting educational cooperation for mutual interest. Nothing in this letter shall be construed so as to affect the juridical responsibility of either party or to impose any financial obligations on them.

Agreed and signed



Mayor Ullrich Sierau
City of Dortmund



Mayor Emil Boc
City of Cluj-Napoca